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INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

CONGRESSIONAL.

A bill was reported in the Senate on the 11th for the sale of certain lands for school purposes in the town of Pelican, Wis. The resolution calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information as to lands of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and of other companies whose roads were not completed within the period fixed by the granting act was taken up, discussed and agreed to. The conference report on the railroad land forfeiture bill was then taken up and discussed, but no action was taken. In the House no business was transacted, no quorum being present.

A petition from citizens of Missouri was presented in the United States Senate on the 11th asking for the passage of the Federal election bill, and many petitions were presented against the passage of the compound land bill. The calendar was then taken up and a number of bills of no great importance were passed. The land forfeiture bill was further discussed. In the House the tariff bill with amendments was read by Mr. Smith and referred to the committee on ways and means. A bill was introduced to regulate the division of the duties of the Union into Congressional districts.

In the Senate the session on the 11th was devoted to resolutions on the death of the late Congressman Randall. Addresses were made by Senators Quay, Daniel, Plumb, Blackburn, Culbertson, Morgan, Hiseock and others, and then, as a further mark of respect, the Senate adjourned. In the House the tariff bill with amendments was read by Mr. Smith and referred to the committee on ways and means. A bill was introduced to regulate the division of the duties of the Union into Congressional districts.

BILLS were passed in the Senate on the 11th to create an auditor of railway accounts and for the relief of certain officers and enlisted men of the First Kansas Colored Volunteers. The railroad land-forfeiture bill was further discussed. In the House Mr. McKinley reported the tariff bill with amendments, and with the recommendation that the amendments be not concurred in. The measure was also discussed, but no action was taken. Mr. Enloe (Tenn.) introduced a resolution denouncing the recent attack on Mr. Kennedy (Q.) on the Senate in general and Senator Quay in particular.

DOMESTIC.

A COMMITTEE of the ex-employees of the New York Central railroad called on Mr. Depew, president of the company, on the 11th, in the hope of settling the strike. Mr. Depew declined to discuss the strike with them, saying that it was practically over.

TWO ENGINEERS, a fireman and a brakeman were killed and three others wounded by a collision of freight trains near Albany, N. Y., on the 11th.

FIRE at Park City, U. T., on the 11th destroyed the business portion of the town, which is the principal mining camp in Utah.

STEVE CHUMP and George Halter (colored) were taken from jail by a mob and lynched at Amoy, Mich., on the 11th after being convicted of an assault on two white women.

THE mangled bodies of three unknown men were found beside the Illinois Central track near East Dubuque on the morning of the 11th.

MANUFACTURERS of yellow pine lumber in the South met in St. Louis on the 11th to establish a uniform grade and thickness of flooring and to discuss prices.

It was reported on the 11th that the stage between Blitzen and Diamond, Ore., had been robbed by a highwayman, who secured all registered letters and destroyed the others in the mail pouches.

The Census Office at Washington on the 11th announced the population of Maine as 699,261, an increase in ten years of 11,323.

The first snow of the season in the United States was reported from Fort Assiniboin, Mont., on the 11th.

The great council of the Improved Order of Red Men closed its annual session at Boston on the 11th. Thomas J. Donnelly, of Philadelphia, was chosen great Sachem.

The Pacific express on the Chicago & Grand Trunk railroad was wrecked at Schoolcraft, Mich., on the 12th, by running into a freight train, killing George Merrigold, the engineer.

This business failure in the United States during the seven days ended on the 11th numbered 193, against 208 the preceding week and 190 the corresponding week last year.

In Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 11th the executive committee of the National Reform Association resolved to issue a call for a meeting in every county in the Union to protest against opening the world's fair on Sunday.

THREE Indians were killed and several persons wounded in a riot on the Potawatomi reservation on the 11th over a question of accepting lands in severalty.

MISS ANNIE ADAMS, aged 55 years, and her nephew, aged 8 years were asphyxiated by gas from a gas-stove at Mansfield, O., on the 11th.

RICH finds of copper and silver on the north shore of Lake Superior were reported by prospectors at Grand Marais, Minn., on the 11th.

SEVERAL damage by floods were reported from Pennsylvania, Ohio and several Southern States on the 11th, caused by the recent heavy rains.

THE percentages of the base-ball clubs in the Players' League for the week ended on the 11th were: Boston, 629; Brooklyn, 581; New York, 581; Chicago, 552; Philadelphia, 538; Pittsburgh, 482; Cleveland, 387; Buffalo, 371. The clubs in the National League stood: Brooklyn, 655; Boston, 616; Philadelphia, 608; Chicago, 596; Cincinnati, 587; New York, 466; Cleveland, 390; Pittsburgh, 172.

THE Census Bureau at Washington made public on the 11th the official population of New York City, as follows: 1880, 1,206,229; 1890, 1,513,501; increase, 25.46 per cent.

By the wreck of a passenger train on the Missouri Pacific railroad at Glenwood, Mo., on the 11th one passenger was killed and eleven others seriously injured.

DURING a storm at New Sodom, N. Y., on the 11th 100 Italians suffocated themselves in a building. Lightning entered the shanty and instantly killed four of them.

In Platt County, Ill., on the 11th Daniel Quick unearched the skeleton of one of the largest mastodons ever found.

An epidemic, supposed by many to be genuine Asiatic cholera, was reported at Carrollton, O., on the 14th. Six deaths had occurred and many were down with the disease.

THOMAS RILEY, a Covington (Ky.) newspaper man, shot and killed City Engineer C. E. Jüngerman, of New York, on the 14th.

THREE persons were killed and many injured by the wreck of an excursion train near Deadwood, S. D., on the 13th. The failure of Smith & Co., members of the Chicago Board of Trade, was announced on the 14th. Liabilities, \$100,000.

THE nephew of the original settler of Erie, Pa., commenced suit on the 13th to recover property in the heart of the city valued at several million dollars.

A SWITCH-ENGINE exploded at St. Louis on the 13th, killing the engineer and fireman. Their mutilated bodies were picked up 300 feet away.

THE Secretary of the Treasury on the 13th instructed the Treasury Department to advertise for offers of \$10,000,000 of 4 per cent. bonds, and to pay at once all interest on the 6's for the present fiscal year in order to relieve the present stringency in the money market.

LOMBIG K. LOOMIS, a Chicago broker, disappeared on the 13th with \$25,000 belonging to his customers. It was supposed he had gone to Canada.

MAXWELL, the murderer of Charles Decker at Morris, Ill., was on the 13th found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged.

LEWIS, PHILIP, and his wife, an aged couple, were instantly killed by being run over by a passenger train at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 13th.

At the leading clearing-houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 13th aggregated \$1,171,610,922, against \$1,094,720,790 the preceding week. As compared with the corresponding week of 1889 the increase amounted to 14.

COUNTREY \$10 bills on the German National Bank of New Orleans were in circulation at St. Louis on the 13th.

THE visible supply of grain in store in the United States on the 13th was: Wheat, 17,559,729 bushels; corn, 8,130,539 bushels.

It was reported from Ellensburg, Wash., on the 13th that forest fires had caused a suspension of traffic on the Northern Pacific road.

At a meeting of citizens of Aberdeen, Wash., on the 13th a committee of forty was appointed to notify all Chinese to leave the town before September 22.

An Erie engine on the 13th struck four Italian quarry laborers at Germantown, N. Y., instantly killing three and badly injuring the other.

ADVISED of the 13th say that the schooner Comrade, of Cleveland, with a crew of eight men, had been lost in Lake Superior.

E. S. DUNN, of the delegation from Chicago to Springfield, Ill., to urge Governor Fifer to pardon Oscar Neebe, the Anarchist convict, expressed his belief on the 13th that Neebe would be released on or before Thanksgiving day.

At a meeting of the Methodist conference in Muskegon, Mich., on the 13th it was decided that Rev. W. Gardner, the Republican candidate for Secretary of State, and Rev. J. W. Reid, chairman of the State Central Committee of the Prohibition party, must withdraw from politics or from the ministry.

At Morris, Ill., on the 13th James Maxwell, who murdered Charles Decker, was sentenced to be hanged October 17.

ROBERT TURNER and Clem Duskun, two business men of Newbern, Ala., fought a duel in the street on the 13th and both were killed.

A FIRE on the 13th destroyed \$150,000 worth of property in Lynchburg, Va. JUMPING-HAZARD and Young-Mule, two Cheyenne Indians who recently murdered a young ranchman named Hugh Boyle on the Montana reservation, were shot to death on the 13th by Indian police.

At Grand Mound, Ia., on the 13th J. W. Deaven shot and instantly killed the wife of W. M. Langdon, a well-known railroad contractor, and was himself almost immediately shot dead by Langdon. An old love affair caused the deed.

THE Jewish New Year was celebrated in Chicago on the 13th.

THE loss of the American ship Challenger and twelve of her crew, bound from West Hartlepool, Eng., to New York, was reported on the 13th.

At Topeka, Kan., the sixty-sixth annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge L. O. O. F. commenced on the 13th.

THE second meeting of the National commission of the World's Columbian Exposition commenced in Chicago on the 13th. The city council at a meeting in the evening passed the amended Lake Front ordinance asked for by the exposition directors.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.
THE following Congressional nominations were made on the 11th: Wisconsin, First district, O. B. Thomas (Rep.) renominated. Tennessee, Third district, H. Clay Evans (Rep.) renominated. Ohio, First district, Otway J. Cosgrove (Dem.). Illinois, Ninth district, Robert Stevan (Pro.). Montana, First district, Thomas H. Carter (Rep.) renominated. Ohio, Second district, Oliver Brown (Dem.). Minnesota, Second district, O. M. Hall (Dem.); Third district, Morton S. Wilkinson (Dem.). Maryland, First district, Henry Page (Dem.).

B. R. TILMAN was nominated for Governor by the Democrats in State convention at Columbia, S. C., on the 11th.

THEODORE M. SCHLEIER, of Tennessee, was nominated by the President on the 11th to be Consul of the United States at Amsterdam.

THE Washington Legislature adjourned sine die on the 11th, having passed a reappointment bill.

NEVADA Republicans in State convention at Reno on the 13th nominated Theodore Winters for Governor.

JOSEPH BELL died at Cincinnati on the 12th, aged 77 years. He was distinguished as a builder of machinery and as the first to take a steamboat across the Gulf of Mexico.

ELECTION returns from Wyoming on the 12th announced that the Republicans had carried the State by more than 2,000 to 2,500 majority. The State ticket, a majority in both houses of the Legislature and the Congressional candidates were elected.

THE following Congressional nominations were made on the 13th: Missouri, Seventh district, W. D. Barnett (Rep.). Wisconsin, Seventh district, Frank Corbitt (Dem.). Kentucky, Third district, Lewis Jones (Rep.).

EX-CONGRESSMAN RUFUS H. KING died at his home at Catskill, N. Y., on the 13th, aged 70 years.

THE following Congressional nominations were made on the 13th: Kentucky, Third district, O. H. Goodright (Dem.); Lewis Jones (Rep.). Wisconsin, Fifth district, Thomas M. Blaskak (Rep.). New York, Thirtieth district, H. S. Greenleaf (Dem.).

REV. WILLIAM R. MILES, president of Jesuit College at New Orleans, dropped dead just after retiring from the pulpit on the 14th.

GENERAL CHUCKER, warden of the United States jail at Washington and the executioner of Giteau, President Garfield's assassin, died at his home in Washington on the 14th.

MRS. FRANCES CONSTANTINE died at West Manayunk, Pa., on the 13th, aged 105 years and 6 months. Her first husband was killed in the war of 1812.

JOSEPH F. GIBSON, general manager of the Adams Express Company, died suddenly in Richmond, Va., on the 13th, aged 58 years.

THE official figures on the 13th from the recent election in Arkansas gave Eagle (Dem.) for Governor over Fisher (Lab. and Rep.) a majority of 21,086.

THE Congressional nominations on the 13th were: Illinois, Eighth district, Charles F. Farrell (Pro.). Ohio, Twenty-fifth district, D. E. Adams (Farmers' Alliance). Montana, W. W. Dixon (Dem.). Arizona, Mark A. Smith (Dem.). Michigan, Ninth district, William Lewis (Patrons of Husbandry).

FOREIGN.
CAPTAIN PITTS, of the American steamship Acapulco, made a satisfactory explanation on the 11th in reference to the recent shooting of General Harrod at Guatemala. The killing was done in self-defense.

ADVISED of the 11th say that a revolution had broken out in the canton of Ticino, Switzerland, owing to a difference of opinion regarding the revision of the constitution. Three members of the Cantonal Government had been imprisoned, one had been killed and the others had fled.

ARRIVED of the 11th from Vienna, Austria, were to the effect that the influenza had again reappeared, and was causing much suffering and death. It had the same manifestations as before, but instead of being attended with throat and chest troubles now appeared as intestinal complaints.

By an explosion in a coal mine at Leodisburg, Germany, on the 12th twenty persons were killed, and it was feared that all perished.

THE United States man-of-war Baltimore arrived at Stockholm, Sweden, on the 12th with the body of Inventor Ericsson on board. The vessel made the best time of any man-of-war that ever crossed the Atlantic.

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THE World's Vegetation congress convened in annual session in London, Eng., on the 12th. Representatives were present from the United States, the continent and India.

C. C. HALE, charged with shooting with intent to kill his brother-in-law, Eugene Cowles, both of Cleveland, O., pleaded guilty to aggravated assault in Montreal on the 13th and was fined \$500.

CHARLIE PEARSON was killed in a quarrel with a farmer named Howard on the 13th at Winnipeg by his antagonist shoving an umbrella into his left eye.

LATER NEWS.
In the Senate, on the 16th, the conference report on the Railroad Land Forfeiture bill was adopted; the House Anti-Lottery bill was passed without amendment or discussion, and the House Timber Culture bill was passed.

Mr. Enloe's resolution censuring Mr. Kennedy for the language used in his speech, on September 3, reflecting against Senator Quay. The matter was finally disposed of by the adoption of a resolution offered by Mr. Bayne, referring the whole subject to the judicial committee of the House for investigation and report.

MR. BOOTHMAN, of Ohio, introduced in the House, on the 16th, a joint resolution providing for Congressional districts in the State of Ohio. The resolution provides for the election of members to the Fifty-second or next Congress from the same districts in which the Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress were elected.

TWO HUSBAND members of the National Gold and Silver Board of Union of New York City, struck, on the 15th, an increase of wages. Similar action was taken by the craft in Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and elsewhere. By night the demands of the men had everywhere been conceded.

THE faculty of Lafayette College at Easton, Pa., have suspended for one year Juan Antonio Medina, a young Spanish student, and George Smith, of Scranton, who recently attempted to haze Freshman Shockley, of Milford, Del.

MR. CONNELL, of Nebraska, introduced in the House of Representatives, on the 16th, a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting a statue or monument to the memory of John Ericsson, in the City of Washington.

THE funeral of the late Canon Liddon took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on the 16th, the large edifice being crowded to overflowing with people gathered to pay their last respects to the memory of the great prelate.

THE Sultan of Sokoto, who rules over 12,000,000 people in West Africa, has presented Queen Victoria with a magnificent lion. The animal will probably be taken care of at the London Zoological Gardens.

THE Car has given directions for the special exemption from conscription of all men who have widowed mothers dependent upon them.

THE election in Brazil, on the 16th, insured a Republican majority in the Constituent Assembly.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

FOR RECIPROCITY.

HENRY POND, aged ninety years, who was living with a daughter at Chillicothe, died the other morning while sitting in a chair talking to the family. He was a pioneer settler of Franklin County, Ind., and was quite wealthy.

ROMNEY METZ, residing near Chillicothe, had his scalp torn off by Indians on the plains twenty-six years ago and still survives, although the wound has never healed.

THE latest crop bulletin from the State Board of Agriculture is to the effect that wheat seedling has begun in some counties, and reports from all sections state that an increased acreage will be sown.

A NEW political party was recently organized at St. Louis, called the National Reform party. The platform embraces about twenty-four planks. Abolition of National banks, prohibition of Government control of railroads; uniform marriage laws; against alien ownership of lands; tariff reform; regulation of corporations, and restriction on pauper immigration were among the sentiments voiced and agreed to.

A National Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of W. W. Jones, Chicago; Mrs. T. E. Williams, of the Women's Christian Temperance Union; Mrs. E. V. Emery, Lansing, Mich.; Edward Evans, Tonawanda, N. Y.; Hiram Maine, Marion, Ind.

FREDERICK KIRBY, the Stone County murderer who killed School Teacher Rogers for his money and watch last December, has been sentenced to ninety-nine years in the penitentiary for the crime. He had made a full confession of the murder when arrested last May and entered a plea of guilty when arraigned for trial.

TWO men were two attempts at suicide at St. Joseph on Sunday, the 11th. Emma Fisher attempted to take her life with laudanum, because she had been betrayed, and Burt McCassey, employed in a feed store, had trouble with his wife, which caused her to leave him. All attempts on his part to effect a reconciliation proved fruitless, and he swallowed a dose of laudanum. Timely aid saved both lives.

THE Republicans of the Seventh district have nominated W. D. Barnett, of Audrain County, for Congress.

TERLINGTON, who was sentenced to be hanged at Booneville on the 12th for the murder of Sheriff Cranmer, has been respite pending a review of the case by the Supreme Court.

E. C. MORLEY, a brakeman on the Potomac branch railroad, while making a running switch the other night at Mineral Point, fell under the cars and was fatally injured. He lived at Potosi.

TWO men, thought to be the Ottumwa train robbers, were arrested at Tipton the other day. They claimed to be brothers, gave their names as William and Louis Hamilton and their home as Camden County.

THE Republicans of the Second district have nominated Dr. A. C. Pettigrew for Congress.

STEPHEN D. PORTER has appointed R. A. Kirkpatrick, of Springfield; Jerry H. Frank, of Carthage, and Frederick Swain and D. B. Casteel, of St. Louis, special agents to collect statistics of manufactures in Missouri.

DEMOCRATS of the Thirteenth district have nominated Judge R. W. Egan for Congress.

THE fifth biennial convention of the State organization of the Catholic Knights of America convened at St. Louis on the 9th. Rev. Father Brennan, of St. Thomas' Church, preached the sermon. The delegates then marched to St. John's Hall, where President Richard Walsh called the convention to order.

THE Buchanan county court has ordered the prosecuting attorney to bring suit against County Clerk Rogers for clerk's fees collected on back taxes amounting to \$1,990 under Tandy Price's administration and about the same under James C. Hull. The court holds that the clerk is not entitled to these fees, as the law provides that he shall receive a salary of \$2,000 a year and no more. Rogers claims he is entitled to the fees.

CHINN & MORRIS, the owners of the "Kentucky stable" of thoroughbred racers, have brought suit in the circuit court at St. Louis against the Washburn & Moen Co. for the death and damage to several of their horses by a collision of trains at Warrenton, Mo., last June when they were en route to Kansas City from St. Louis. In the bill of damages the colts Glasgow, killed, is valued at \$12,000; the colt Little Prince, also killed, at \$5,000, and the fillies Mary Motowan, St. George and Josie, and the colts Leo and Oklahoma, crippled and damaged, to the aggregate amount of \$34,000. The remainder of the total amount asked is made up of forfeit money paid and stable chattels.

An audacious plan, which contemplated the wholesale kidnapping of children for ransom, was revealed at Kansas City the other day when the grand jury found a true bill for that offense against Henry C. Wilson, who keeps a feed and livery stable in that city. The plan was to kidnap the children of wealthy parents, conduct them to a secret place in some distant State and keep them until the ransom should be paid. Wilson took for an accomplice the colored coachman of Mrs. Jeff. Dunlap, a wealthy widow, whose three-year-old child was to have been the first victim. The coachman apparently entered into the arrangement, but informed the police, who nabbed Wilson when he was attempting to carry his plot into execution.

ANDREW BYSTROM, a blacksmith, was recently killed by the cars at Kansas City. He had gone with a friend to the depot and while returning home was struck by a Rock Island switch engine and torn to pieces. He resided in Kansas City, Kan., and had acquired considerable property.

The other afternoon a Missouri Pacific engine was backing up a coach and caboose at the depot at Lexington, when an engine which had started from the depot toward Myrick crashed into the caboose, destroying it and killing William Whitwell, fatally injuring Mrs. Law and killing her babe. Several others were injured.

FOR RECIPROCITY.

Secretary Blaine Presents a Strong Argument in Support of the Wisdom of a Policy of Reciprocity.

Western Farmers—The Time Has Come to Strike for Better Terms—Reasons for Refusal or Delay Not and Combated—The Vantage Ground is Now Ours! It May Not Remain So.

Boston, Sept. 17.—The following letter from Secretary Blaine was published yesterday:

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your favor asking me if I can attend the annual banquet of the Free-Trade Club of Boston, in October. You add that the members are "in hearty sympathy with my views regarding the free-trade and extending American trade, and would be glad to have me address them."

I regret that my engagements will not permit me to accept the invitation, but you will please thank the club for the compliment they pay me. I am glad to hear that the members of the club are interested in a system of reciprocity with Latin America. They can do great good by counteracting a certain phase of New England opinion, entertained at home as well as in Washington—namely, the opinion that regard as the highest degree of wisdom and benefit to New England interests. New England is in the new trade with Latin America, and it will, in my judgment, be both expedient and injurious for Representatives to disregard a measure which will promote Western interests.

I have lately received a letter from Mr. J. E. Fink, of St. Louis, a leading representative of the four interests, and president of the late convention of farmers at Minneapolis. Speaking for the grain and flour interests of that great section, Mr. Fink says that "advices of recent date from Cuba state that the duties now collected on American flour are at a higher rate than the tariff first proposed to be exacted." And he adds: "I respectfully submit that the American miller will be unable to retain any part of the Cuban flour trade unless immediate relief is secured."

In view of the facts, it is possible that a Protectionist Congress can even think of opening our markets to Cuba's products free, while allowing a great Western industry to be absolutely excluded from her markets by a prohibitory tariff. With reciprocity the West can annually sell many hundred thousand barrels of flour in the markets of Cuba and Porto Rico, together with a large mass of other agricultural products. Without reciprocity, she will be driven more and more from these markets.

Giving the fullest protection to all Eastern interests, as the present tariff does, surely no man of good judgment, certainly no Protectionist of wide forecast, wishes to expose a Western interest to serious injury, especially when it is manifestly easy to protect it and promote it manifestly easy because at this very time the honors of trade in the Cuban market are being won by the American miller.

Another class observe that they want to study the system. To this I might reply that the best method of studying a system is to try it. If you are a Protectionist, studying in the abstract and refusing to take some object lessons, these gentlemen propose to open our market to Latin-American products free of all charges, without asking Latin America to give us in turn some freedom in their markets. The object lesson immediately before us is the result of the sugar question. Shall we make Latin America a gift of that trade? When we have studied that lesson we shall be prepared for the sugar question.

The worst proposition of all is put forth by those who say: "Let us put sugar on the free list now, and next year we will take up the subject of reciprocity." If I understand their logic, it is to make sugar free this year without condition and next year to ask Spain for a concession which will not grant us reciprocal trade.

Holding the complete vantage ground themselves, the proposed policy transfers the vantage ground to Spain. Just as if, granting a favor to Spain to-day, we were to ask her for a favor to-morrow. Those who take this ground belong to that class of careful guardians of property who prepare a very strong lock for the stable after the horse is gone. I do not mean, in any thing I have said, to imply that reciprocity is only a Western interest. It is not. It is a benefit to our country, and it is a benefit to the world.

In a note to Senator Frye, it will prove both beneficial and profitable, both to the farm and the shop. What, for instance, is the value of a natural or more just than that in giving a free market in the United States to hides from the Argentine Republic, we should ask the Argentine Republic to give us a better market than we now have for the product of leather from the United States. The many forms in which our business interests are promoted by reciprocity can not be known until the active commercial men of the United States shall have opened their eyes to the fact that reciprocity is not a new thing, but an old one, and experience. We shall not realize the full benefit of the policy in a day or a year; but shall we, therefore, throw away countless millions of trade, in addition to the sixty millions we have already thrown away, and then ignorantly declare without trial that "this system of a work is a failure?"

Finally, there is one fact that should have great weight, especially with Protectionists. Every Free-Trade man in the Senate voted against the reciprocity resolution. The Free-trade papers throughout the country are showing determined hostility to it. It is evident that the free-trade Senators and the free-trade papers have a special reason for their course. They know and feel that with a system of reciprocity established and growing, their policy of free trade must receive a serious blow. The Protectionist who opposes reciprocity in the form in which it is now presented, knocks away one of the strongest supports of his system. The enactment of reciprocity is the safeguard of protection. The defeat of reciprocity is the opportunity of free trade.

Yours very respectfully,
JAMES G. BLAINE.

Passenger and Ticket Agents.
DENVER, Col., Sept. 17.—The American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents met yesterday at the Albany Hotel, and after taking up unfinished business, voted to hold the spring meeting in San Francisco. The association will attend a banquet at the Windsor Hotel to-night and to-morrow will make an excursion on "the Loop" on the Union Pacific railroad. On Friday the party will leave for Salt Lake, stopping at Manitou and Glenwood Springs. The party will make the ascent of Pike's Peak. The attendance is large.